

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 3, 1902.

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THE BIDDLE BOYS ARE BOTH DEAD

John First to Pass Away—Edward Expires Three Hours Later.

MRS. SOFFEL WILL PROBABLY RECOVER

A Lost Love Letter Found—Story of the Plans of Escape—Remarkable Influence of Edward Biddle Over Mrs. Soffel—The Woman's Blind Infatuation for the Prisoner Is Noticed Even by Her Father—Last Meeting of the Brothers in the Prison Cell.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 2.—John Biddle died at 7:45 and his brother Ed at 11 o'clock last night. Until the end, John Biddle maintained vigorously that he and his brother had not murdered Grover Thomas Kahney, of Mt. Washington. The two brothers were practically shot to pieces in the fight yesterday between them and the Pittsburg detectives.

Mrs. Soffel, the wife of the jail warden of the Allegheny county jail in Pittsburg, and the woman who, infatuated with Edward Biddle, gave the brothers the saws and revolvers with which they effected their escape, is in a very dangerous condition, though it is believed that she will recover. Yesterday afternoon the Biddles asked to be allowed to see each other and John was carried to Ed's cell. The two brothers first put their arms about each other's necks and kissed each other, while the bystanders cried.

Ed called out that John had been a good boy until led astray by him and that they had never committed murder.

The brothers said good-bye to each other and John was taken to his own cell.

Jack Biddle's suffering was intense. In his last moments, he said that Biddle said that both he and his brother shot themselves, according to previous agreement. Shortly after 6 o'clock tonight it became evident to the attending physicians that the life of the criminal was ebbing away, and Dr. Byers stated that it was only a matter of a few minutes until Biddle's earthly woes would be over. Jack became so violent that opiates had to be administered to quiet him and it required both physicians and the jail attendants to hold him on his cot in the cell.

At 5 o'clock he went into a delirium and for the last hour of his life he was in a semi-conscious state. His last words were uttered shortly before 5 o'clock, when he asked Dr. Byers for a drink of water. Rev. Father Walsh, who has been in attendance upon the Biddles almost every hour today, was not present when death came. His last visit was made at 5 o'clock, and he did not return until after John had died. The holy office of the Roman Catholic church was administered to both John and Ed Biddle. After the death of John Biddle, Dr. Byers said that Ed had been sinking very rapidly all day, and that he fully expected he would die before midnight.

Jack Biddle's Statement.

When Dr. J. E. Byers called at the jail at noon yesterday to learn as to the condition of the Biddles, Jack was perfectly conscious, although in great pain. He made the following statement to Dr. Byers, who gave it out tonight:

"We never killed anybody. Neither one of us was present at the Kahney affair, and we had absolutely nothing whatever to do with it." Here Jack repeated his first statement to Dr. Byers in as strong a voice as he could: "We never killed anybody. When the three of us left Pittsburg last Thursday, it was agreed that we would each kill ourselves, and that we would be buried in the same place. Mrs. Soffel shot herself, she was not shot by either of us. We did not shoot Charles Reynolds, the jailer, to kill him. We saw in an instant he would make trouble for us and possibly frustrate our plans for escape, and it became necessary for us to shoot him in order to get away."

Yesterday morning Mrs. Soffel's stepmother, Mrs. Dietrich, and her stepbrother, Julius, called to see her. These were the only relatives she has seen since she left her home to go with the Biddles. Mrs. Dietrich only remained at the hospital a few minutes. At a brief conference, the step-mother left Mrs. Soffel weeping. Although she partly realizes her grave mistake, she continually asked all day for the Biddles. "They and her children seemed to be her only thought."

A Lost Love Letter.

A lost love letter from Ed Biddle to his prison sweetheart, Mrs. Kate Soffel, found in the snow near the bloody scene of their capture, reveals the careful plot for their escape from the Allegheny county jail. The letter clearly shows the hazardous undertakings of the infatuated woman to secure the escape of the Biddles. Since December 2, 1901, they had been making preparations to escape. The epistle shows Mrs. Soffel carried the saws to the cells of the Biddles. It manifests the extreme infatuation of Mrs.

Soffel for the murderer and burglar. It clearly shows the wonderful influence Ed Biddle had over Mrs. Soffel. Mrs. Soffel fell in love with Ed Biddle in November. It was not long until he started to write love letters to her. About the early part of December he proposed a plan of escape to her. She consented to lend him her aid. Before December 18 they had completed all arrangements to escape from the jail. Then they learned of the governor's respite. After this Ed Biddle almost persuaded Mrs. Soffel to fly with him and his brother. The contents of the letter show it was originally agreed that Mrs. Soffel was to leave the city for Canada on the eve of the boy's escape. Although Mrs. Soffel's infatuation was so great for Ed Biddle, she steadily refused to allow the boys to escape alone. It is shown in the letter that the Biddles intended leaving the jail on the night of December 20. On this occasion Mrs. Soffel became alarmed and requested Ed to wait a few days before leaving. Ed, then became enraged and threatened to leave on Tuesday night. Thinking that Mrs. Soffel's affections were weakening, he threatened to kill all the guards in the jail. Mrs. Soffel succeeded in persuading Ed not to make the attempt. Ed Biddle had a perfect code of signals with his signifier, Mrs. Soffel, and they made signals to each other from his cell and the jail-yard window of the warden's residence. It was from this window that she gave him the signal to escape. It was arranged by them to leave the jail on Monday morning, Sunday. The boys were searched. That was in the morning. In the afternoon she gave them the revolvers. Ed Biddle was confident of his power over Mrs. Soffel.

The Father's Observations.

C. H. Dietrich, the father of Mrs. Soffel, knew all about his daughter's infatuation with Ed Biddle. Dietrich was a guard in the county jail. He said tonight:

"I discovered her infatuation for the Biddles several months ago, and I repeatedly warned her to cease her flirtations from the warden's residence. I asked her whether she was infatuated with Edward Biddle, but she never made reply. About two weeks ago Ed Biddle asked me to take some poetry he had written to my daughter, and I agreed, as I thought nothing of it. I brought it home and on Monday or Tuesday, when Kate was here, I gave it to her. I did not look at it, and my daughter asked me to take some books back to Biddle I refused, and told her that if she wanted to do anything of that kind she must get her husband to do it. I would not."

"I am a curious doubter, but I have suspicion in the jail and considerable talk. But I never thought she would do what she did. I thought it was mere infatuation. I tried to tell my daughter that she was making a serious mistake, but she never gave any satisfactory reply to my inquiries. "I always liked the two boys, especially Ed. I did not think they had murdered Kahney. I did not believe that they shot Detective Fitzgerald. I never thought that they should hang, and other guards in the prison felt the same way. I did not think the boys had been given a fair trial. I predicted that they would never go to the gallows, because I believed after they got their respite they would be pardoned or would get a long sentence."

The Coroner's Inquest.

The terrible fate of the Biddles is the sole topic of conversation here today, and a curious string of people have been defying the storm, hanging about the jail entrance in vain attempts to get in to see the bodies of the dead murderers. A great deal of sympathy for the boys is expressed on all sides, and a few of the female portion of the crowd do not see what manner of a man Ed Biddle was that he should exert such wonderful influence over men and particularly over women. The jail doors were closed all day and no one got in but the doctors who attended the autopsy, and the coroner's jury, which was organized at 9 o'clock this morning. Even the newspaper correspondents were excluded from the inquest, which was held in the jail and nothing concerning the details could be learned till late in the afternoon. Coroner John L. Jones presided over the inquest, and selected the following jury: Lewis E. Stein, W. A. Stein, A. M. Black, J. A. Walter, Jacob Keck and Harry Rattiman. Ed S. Biddle, court stenographer, took the testimony, and the coroner's verdict was represented by District Attorney John R. Henning, A. M. Christie and W. Z. Murrin.

The testimony of all the officers concerned in the capture was taken, except Rob Hay, the Butler policeman, who is sick and absent. The testimony of Dr. Green, who was one of the doctors who attended the Biddles, and of Sheriff Thomas R. Hoon was also taken. The verdict of the jury is that Ed Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a .45-caliber revolver by himself, and that "Jack" Biddle met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the officers in discharge of their legal duty. Under the instructions of Coroner John L. Jones, an autopsy was held on both the Biddles this morning. The surgeons in charge were Doctors McGarity, Bricker and J. Clinton Atwell.

The evidence secured by the autopsy bears out the statements that Biddle intended to kill himself rather than be taken alive and that Ed succeeded in his attempt, while "Jack" failed, though his life was forfeit. Dr. Bricker gave the following statement after the autopsy: "Jack Biddle was shot the worse of the two men, although he was in better condition than Ed, when the news of autopsy was held on both the Biddles this morning. The surgeons in charge were Doctors McGarity, Bricker and J. Clinton Atwell."

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Feb. 2.—Arrived: Kensington, Annapolis and Southampton; L'Agaiante, Havre; Phoenix, Hamburg and Bouchard; Blain, Bremen; St. Louis, Southampton and Cherbourg; Abernethy, Southampton (from Southampton); New York, Queenstown—London (from Liverpool); New York, Havre—Sailed: La Gassagne, New York.

liver, the bullets passing up and around the body and doing no damage. They were removed on Saturday. A bullet wound was found on the roof of the mouth, but it was slight and would not have caused his death. This wound was inflicted by himself with the evident intention of committing suicide.

"His right arm was shattered by five bullet wounds and the radius broken in the upper third. The wound that caused his death was made by a .45-caliber bullet that passed through the crest of the illum on the right side and passed back through the kidney, causing hemorrhage.

Suffered from Nine Wounds.

In all, Jack was suffering from nine wounds, but excepting the one that penetrated the kidney, none of them would have been fatal. Jack's terrible sufferings were caused by a bullet wound that struck him on the left breast, about an inch and a half to the right of the nipple and passed down between the fourth and fifth ribs, to the left of the heart and through the lung. This wound was made by Ed himself. The powder marks were visible on the stain. Death was caused by hemorrhages and the man suffered untold agony to the last breath. Another wound found on his body was on the same side, about an inch from the left nipple, but the bullet struck the fourth rib, passed under the skin and did no damage. Both bullets, found in Ed were .37-caliber and it is the opinion of the doctors who held the autopsy there is no doubt he killed himself."

After the autopsy, the bodies of the Biddles were taken in charge by Undertaker W. R. Roessing, of Butler, who prepared them for burial. Arrangements are being made to take the bodies to Pittsburg tomorrow morning. They will be in custody of Sheriff T. R. Hoon.

Since the officers concerned in the fight and capture of the Biddles have had time to cool off a little, there appears to be a disposition to be fair towards each other in the matter of the distribution of the prize money, and an agreement to divide the \$5,000 equally among the four officers here, the driver, J. A. Snyder, and the three Pittsburg detectives, has been practically consented to by all of the men except Detective McGovern, who is not here today.

Curiosity of Crowds.

At 6 o'clock this evening the bodies of the Biddles were removed from the jail to one of the hallways of the sheriff's dwelling, and the public was given an opportunity of looking at the two notorious criminals. Hundreds of people today braved the worst blizzards of the year, besieging the jail doors for admittance, which was refused until this evening, when the doors of the sheriff's dwelling, which were closed, were opened and everybody given an opportunity to gratify their morbid curiosity. Late tonight a long line of people are standing in front of the door, the wind blowing about their ears and the driving snow striking their faces like icicles, waiting their turn, and noticeable among the crowd was a number of women, who are curious, even in death to see Ed Biddle, the man who is said to have had such a charm over women when he was alive.

Mrs. Soffel is reported to be spitting blood tonight at the hospital, and her condition is not considered favorable. The track of the bullet wound in her breast runs close to the pleura, and the doctors are not yet able to tell whether the hemorrhage is caused by the wound or whether it is due to some other cause, which has not yet fully developed.

TERRIBLE STORM IN GREAT BRITAIN

Large Number of Vessels Wrecked and Many Men Lost in English and Irish Channels.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Feb. 2.—The storm in the English and Irish channels is unabated. Numerous minor wrecks have occurred, frequent reports have been received of men washed overboard and the crews of the lifeboats and rocket apparatus have been kept busy. The British armored cruiser Immortalia encountered terrible weather. The seas washed over her forward guns. Many fishermen are reported to have been drowned. In the Clyde upward of forty vessels are reported between Greenock and Glasgow. The mail steamer which left Dover for Ostend yesterday afternoon was sighted in distress in the channel this morning. The vessel was in port. Her passengers had terrible experiences. The steamer was swept by the seas for more than twenty hours. The recent gales have been succeeded by heavy snow storms in western Europe, and the shipping along the coast of Spain has suffered considerable damage.

Forty lives are reported to have been lost in shipwrecks on the Italian coast. Several persons were killed by avalanches in Italy, rivers there have overflowed their banks, a score of bridges have been broken, and many towns are blocked by the snow.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Instantly Killed at Davidson-Benedict Sawmill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hobensville, Tenn., Feb. 2.—The explosion of a boiler at the Davidson-Benedict sawmill yesterday demolished the building, killed two men instantly and fatally injured one other. Walter Hollister, inside foreman, and J. N. Paxton were killed, and Edward Johnston was badly scalded and will die.

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MR. SHAW NOW SECRETARY

Ex-Governor of Iowa Succeeds Lyman J. Gage in the Treasury.

JUSTICE SHIRAS ADMINISTERS OATH

Secretary Shaw Settles Down to His Duties Like One Thoroughly Familiar with the Work—Clerks of the Department Presented—Mr. Gage Declines a \$100,000 Offer from New York—Undecided Yet as to the Future.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The change in the executive head of the treasury department took place yesterday morning, when ex-governor Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, took the oath of office and succeeded Lyman J. Gage as secretary. There was but a brief ceremony, and Secretary Shaw has settled down to his duties like one thoroughly familiar to the work.

Associate Justice Shiras, of the Supreme court, administered the oath to Governor Shaw in the office of the secretary of the treasury. This was a slight departure from custom, as most of the cabinet officers in the past few years have been sworn in at the executive mansion. Postmaster General Payne took the oath in the cabinet room. There were present at the ceremony yesterday morning the outgoing secretary, Senators Allison and Dolliver, of Iowa, and most of the Iowa delegation in congress, as well as the assistant secretaries of the treasury and heads of bureaus of that department.

The first man to extend congratulations was Mr. Gage, the retiring secretary. He expressed the most earnest wishes for Mr. Shaw's success, which elicited the compliment from the new secretary that if his administration proved as successful as that of Mr. Gage he would be altogether satisfied.

An Impromptu Reception.

After the exchange of felicitations an impromptu reception was held, at which practically all the employees of the department were present to the new secretary. Mr. Gage remained and introduced the heads of bureaus, chiefs of divisions and other employees, and then held an hour's conference with his successor, during which the administration of the department was discussed.

Secretary Shaw has entered upon his duties in a quiet manner and makes no announcement of policies. He has been represented as favoring a wider distribution of government funds by increasing the deposits in national bank depositories, but no one is authorized to make such a statement. It is believed that for the present, at least, he will continue the bond-purchasing policy of Secretary Gage.

It is not anticipated that the new secretary will make many changes in the treasury force at present. It is likely that in the course of time some changes will be made in the assistant secretaries. He will also select his own private secretary, although Mr. Rich, who has been acting in that capacity for Mr. Gage, will remain for the present.

Mr. Gage's Future.

Mr. Gage, according to an evening paper, has declined to accept the presidency of the International Banking Corporation of New York, it is declared that Mr. Gage did not care to take any place that involved any other work than that of finance. It is said that another offer made by a trust company, in New York, is under consideration, and that his visit to New York at this time concerns that offer. He still has open to him an offer from the Chicago Title and Trust company.

After spending a few days in New York Mr. Gage will go to Florida to rest some weeks, and then expects to go to Chicago. The numerous offers that Secretary Gage has received are commented upon by some as showing that a man's age has nothing to do with the demand for his services. Mr. Gage is over 62 years old, but he has had many offers since the fact that he has been acting in that capacity for more than twenty years.

ICE WRECKS AT OWENSBORO.

Great Damage to Property from the Storms in Kentucky.

Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 2.—Although the weather was cold today, thousands were in the city clearing the few wrecks. Several hundred men were working for the two telephone companies and the telegraph companies. The streets are still almost obstructed with piles of wires and ice. The electric light plant has now one circuit. The streets cars are not yet running. The damage to property here is estimated at \$150,000. The wind has broken down nearly every tree in the city.

\$15,000 FOR A PORTRAIT.

Picture of Frederick Archer to Be Painted for Pittsburg.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—The trustees of the Carnegie Institute have decided to pay \$15,000 for a painting of the late Frederick Archer, the organizer of the institute, and the first director of the Pittsburg orchestra. The commission will probably be given to Chateaufort, the French artist, although the trustees are also in communication with several New York painters.

MANGLED BY A TRAIN.

Shocking Death of Miss Hendershot and Samuel Smith.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cammonsbury, Pa., Feb. 2.—Two of the boys broke out in the heart of the city were instantly killed last night, while crossing the tracks of the Chartiers branch of the Pan-Handle railroad at Arden station, a few miles this side of Washington, Pa. Miss Anna Hendershot, aged 25 years; Samuel Smith, the mailcarrier of the place. Miss Hendershot and Mr. Smith had been out buggy riding early in the evening and started to return to this place. On coming to the railroad crossing their horse got beyond their control, or they did not notice the approaching train. The engine struck both the horse and buggy, tossing the young couple in the air. Both were mangled in a terrible manner, and were picked up dead.

BIG FIRE AT WATERBURY

Business Portion of the City Is Almost Entirely Wiped Out.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 2.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Waterbury broke out in the heart of the city shortly before 6:30 this evening, and at 10:15 was not under control. A large section of the business part of the city has already been wiped out, and owing to the high winds prevailing there is little hope of saving what still stands in that part of the business section south of Exchange place.

The fire originated in the upholstery department on the third floor of the store of the Reid & Hughes Dry Goods company, at 108-112 Bank street, and that store, as well as many adjoining buildings are smouldering embers.

Insurance men estimate that the property damage already done will be found to be considerably over \$1,000,000, and there is no hope of extinguishing the fire before that figure is doubled.

The origin of the conflagration is not known. After 9 o'clock the militia was called out to preserve order. There was serious talk of blowing up buildings to prevent the spread of the flames. The fire was checked on South Main street, and indications were that it would content itself on Centre street with burning out the long block that contained the Franklin house and the American office.

The First Baptist church, opposite the latter structure, was endangered, but was not burning at a late hour tonight.

Shortly after midnight the fire, which had apparently been brought nearly under control, broke out in new places and the efforts of the local firemen, combined with aid given by firefighters and apparatus from Hartford, Torrington, Bridgeport, New Haven and other places, seemed powerless to stay its progress. The blaze was wiping out the business portion of the city, all the fire being confined to that section, though residential parts of the city were in danger by sparks driven by the furious wind.

In the panic caused by the fire there were many rumors of accidents and fatalities, but at the Waterbury hospital it was said that no accidents or deaths had been reported there. At that hour the fire was still burning, though as viewed from the hospital, which is on an eminence commanding a view of the city, it appeared that its vigor was abating.

SCHOOLTEACHER FROZEN TO DEATH

Nellie Bailey Lost in a Delaware Blizzard—Two of Her Pupils Missing—Orchards Damaged.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Laurel, Del., Feb. 2.—A report reached here last night that Miss Nellie Bailey, the teacher of a district school near Hockessin, was overcome in the blizzard while making her way home, and perished, and that two pupils are missing and supposed to have perished. Thousands of partridge and rabbits and other game have perished from cold and starvation.

The storm that has been raging in the lower peninsula for three days is one of the worst in the history of the state. The losses will run up into the thousands. The storm was general throughout the peninsula, but it reached its worst in Northampton county, Va., where outbuildings were crushed and stock perished. Schools were closed; all roads in many sections were impassable and there was much suffering among the poor. In several places the rural mail deliverers were unable to get out of town. Those who ventured out suffered intensely and were kept out after night. Last night sleet took the place of snow. This killed hundreds of acres of fruit trees and truck farms.

REVENUE REDUCTION BILL.

The Majority and Minority Reports Are Completed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The majority and minority reports on the bill reducing the war revenue taxes are practically completed, the purpose being to report the bill to the house after a meeting of the ways and means committee tomorrow. Chairman Payne's majority report is foreshadowed in his recent statement, when the bill was agreed upon. It deals mainly with the extent and details of the reduction, which is said to be the largest single reduction of taxation ever made by a nation.

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ATTEMPT TO LYNCH BRUTAL MURDERER

FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN SENATE AND HOUSE

The Philippines Tariff Bill—The Salary Bill and Other Measures to Be Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.—For the most part the senate will divide its time this week between the Philippine tariff bill and the bill increasing the salaries of members of federal judiciary. The salary bill is in charge of Senator Hoar and will be considered in the morning hour of the senate each day until it is disposed of, while the Philippine bill, which is in the hands of Senator Lodge will continue to have the right of way as the unfinished business after 2 o'clock of each day. The salary bill will be the subject only of running debate, but a number of set speeches will be made on the other measure. Among the senators who will be heard during the week are Messrs. Teller, Turner, Cramie and Calhoun. It is not probable that the debate on the Philippine bill will be concluded during the week. The friends of the judiciary salary bill hope to conclude its consideration at a comparatively early day. They say that Senator Stewart's amendment increasing the salaries of senators and members of congress will be unceremoniously voted down. Monday Senator Hale, from the committee on appropriations, will report the urgent deficiency bill and ask to have it considered on the following day. The amendment in this bill providing for the entertainment of Prince Henry and the expenses of this country incident to the coronation may lead to some discussion, but no doubt is entertained of the final favorable disposition of those items.

Rush for the City Hall.

The storm was hustled into the city hall and the crowd, seeing that it was impossible to reach him in the narrow corridor, ran around to the court yard in the rear of the building. The big gate was barred, but a hundred shoulders were placed against it and it was torn down, the grim determination to prevent a lynching. The crowd suddenly retired, but a riot was made for a second onslaught and it was necessary to place some of the leaders in custody, temporarily, to quiet the crowd. Mayor Jeffrey placed a chair on the sidewalk and, addressing the crowd, assured the angry men that justice would be done, and urged his hearers not to place a bar in the way of an orderly procedure of law. The crowd still lingered, and as night fell the streets still thronged with people, extra guards were placed at the city hall.

EXPLOSION AT HONDO.

A Total of 106 Men in the Mexican Mine—Nearly All Are Dead—Victims Principally Mexicans.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Tex., Feb. 2.—The latest information from the Hondo, Mexico explosion, shows it to have been fully as serious as at first reported. There was a total of 106 miners at the time of the explosion, and all of them are dead. The majority of the victims are Mexicans and Chinamen, very few Americans having been at work in the mine. Every man in the mine was killed, three dead ones being taken from the debris to be buried. The work of clearing away the wreck in order to get the bodies is being rushed as rapidly as possible, but there is no hope that any of the 106 men will be rescued alive.

The explosion occurred in mine No. 6, and was occasioned by striking a gas pocket. The mine is the property of the Coshulla Coal company, R. M. McKenny being superintendent. The names of none of the victims have been learned here. The loss is to the owners of the mine is very heavy.

ELECTRIC MOTOR PLOW.

Invention of a Russian Excites Great Admiration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—Engineer Klyavousky has invented an electric motor plow which is said to make a furrow 12 inches deep, with a saving of from five to seven per cent. in power, as compared with the pony plow, with a shallower furrow. It elicited great admiration at the electrical congress, just held in Moscow.

VASSAR GIRLS ON THE ICE.

Four Hundred Students Enjoy an Evening of Skating.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Not in the four years that the senior class has been at Vassar college has there been such a successful skating carnival as was held on the college lake Friday night, 400 students participating in the festivities. The ladies' bonnets furnished illumination and the "Tavern" fire-breasting band played, while strings of Japanese lanterns were suspended among the trees that line the banks of the lake. Miss Caroline Speery and Miss Eliza White led the march.

LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—The Ledger, in its coal article tomorrow, will say: "The anthracite coal trade was again obstructed by the heavy snows last week, which interfered with the movement of coal to market. The demand continues good and takes the output and would be much more than usual. The weather is still held, and this condition is expected to continue until spring is fully opened. The winter strike is not getting as much coal by rail as they would and in some quarters the dealers are at a shortage. Tidewater shipments are fair and these seem to be a good supply of coal at eastern ports excepting of the steam coals."

COMMENCEMENT AT CARLISLE

Exercises at the Institution Devoted to Education of Indians Will Occur This Week.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 2.—A large party of public men, among who will be several senators and Representatives from Wisconsin; McAndrews, of Illinois; Sheldon, of Michigan; Curtis, of Kansas; Marshall, of North Dakota; Stephens, of Texas; Toussac, of Oregon, and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones will leave here in special cars Wednesday morning for Carlisle, Pa., to attend the twenty-third anniversary and fourteenth graduating exercises of the Carlisle Indian industrial institution. The party will be the guests of Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Platt, U. S. A., the superintendent, and with the representative members from other cities, including members of the Pennsylvania legislature, will participate in the ceremonies at the institution Wednesday and Thursday.

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Negro Who Shot a Policeman Is Pursued by an Angro Mob.

CROWD BATTERS DOWN CITY HALL GATE

Upon Being Arrested, Albert West Is Greeted with Cries of "Kill Him!"

from the Throats of Two Thousand People—The Prisoner Struck by Umbrellas and Canes—Policemen with Drawn Revolvers Keep the Crowd Back.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 2.—Policeman Mark Allen was shot and killed at midnight last night by Albert West, a negro, whom he had placed under arrest for quarreling on the street with a colored woman. The negro shot Allen in the leg, and as the latter fell to the sidewalk, West fired two more shots into Allen's body, death resulting shortly after.

West escaped, but was captured today hiding in a stable at Darby, seven miles from here.

News of the capture of the murderer preceded the arrival of the officers with their prisoner, and when they reached the city hall in a car, a crowd of two thousand persons was in waiting. Cries of "Lynch him!" "Kill him!" made the wretch crouch into the bottom of the car, and when he was brought out on the platform there was a rush and a number of persons struck him with umbrellas and canes, while an effort was made to get him away from the policemen.

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